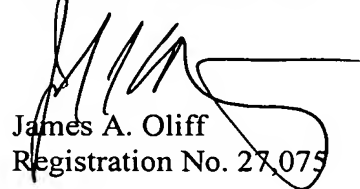


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 - 9 and 13 - 19 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to make editorial changes. No new matter is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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